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NORTHEAST PLANS FOREST CONSERVATION,
IMPROVEMENT OF FISHING INDUSTRY

RECRUITS SPECIALISTS FOR ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 18 Nov 49

Shen-yang, 11 November (NCNA) -- The Northeast People's government has organized a recruiting committee for the purpose of enlisting various types of personnel for economic reconstruction activities in North China, East China, and other areas.

Between early September and early November 1949 this committee recruited 2,017 individuals, the majority of whom were students from the Pei-p'ing, T'ien-ching, Shang-hai, Man-ching, and Hang-chou areas. Teachers, specialists, and technicians made up a small segment of the recruits. Over 1,500 individuals have been assigned to activities in the Northeast.

POSTERS TIMBER CONSERVATION -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 16 Nov 49

Shen-yang, 3 November -- The extensive forest land of the Northeast covers an area of 36,400,000 acres totaling about 549,640,000 cubic meters of timber. Under Japanese control this great forest land was excessively exploited and the timber reserved depleted. Now, however, the Northeast People's government has established a Forest Conservation Headquarters with four provincial offices and more than 160 suboffices. The present plan is to unify control over these timber reserves.

In 1948, some 100,000 liberated farmers cut down 3,390,000 cubic meters of timber. In 1949 the Northeast Forest Conservation Headquarters constructed 300 miles of forest railroad lines.

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RESTORES FISHING INDUSTRY -- Wen-hui Pao, 13 Nov 49

Shen-yang, 12 November (NCHA) -- Under the new program of the People's government, the Northeast fishing industry is being restored to its former operating efficiency. In normal times this area could supply about 100,000 tons of fresh and salt-water fish per year.

In the salt-water area, from Shan-hai-kuan to An-tung, some 64 species abound, including shrimp, swordfish, huang-hua (*psuedocian manchurica*), and silverfish. These types can also be found in the Gulf of Chihli and the northern part of the Yellow Sea.

The Sungari and Nonni rivers in Heilungkiang, Lake Khanka, and lake Ching-pai are important sources of fresh-water fish. One of the most significant exports of Heilungkiang is its salmon, totaling about 10,000 catties yearly.

Since the liberation and restoration of the fishing industry in the Northeast, the living standard of the fishing population has been raised, with subsequent good results to the recovery program as a whole.

In 1947 the government spent one billion Northeast yuan to bolster the fishing industry on the east coast of the Liao-tung peninsula. The yield for that year was about 15,000 tons. In 1948, the catch amounted to 26,645 tons, a decided improvement. In the spring of 1949, 17 billion Northeast yuan were loaned to the fishing industry and in addition, 6 million catties of foodstuffs. Items such as salt were made available to fishermen at a low price.

As a result, the livelihood of some 65,000 fishermen on the peninsula was improved and the total fish catch in 1949 is 14 percent ahead of 1948.

To the western portion of the peninsula, which was liberated during the winter of 1945, the government appropriated 2,830,000,000 yuan and more than 756,000 catties of materials enabling the 2,000 fishermen there to recondition their equipment, including 1,288 fishing boats.

Despite difficulties this industry has supplied 3,500,000 catties of all sorts of fish. In 1948, the fresh-water fish catch amounted to 32,146 tons, constituting one third of the Northeast's total catch.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, of the Northeast People's government plans to raise the output of its fishing industry in 1950 to 109,200 tons, and hopes to equal in the next 3 years the record of 174,000 tons set in 1944.

In Liao-tung Province there are already 28 fishermen's cooperatives, boasting of more than 10,000 members. This promises a new era in the fishing industry for the Northeast.

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